

DOC 610.240 Therapeutic Diets

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DIRECTIVE:

- II. OCO has observed that the process of securing an HSR for a therapeutic diet due to food allergy may take several weeks. We suggest adding a section or sub-section here that allows a practitioner/dietician who suspects a food allergy to issue a temporary HSR while the patient is awaiting a testing appointment and/or test results. This may be appropriate in II.B. or inserted between the current “F” and “G” sections.

- II. OCO frequently handles complaints related to therapeutic diets where the diet has not been implemented because Food Services was not informed of the diet order/HSR. We suggest adding a section here that clarifies from whom, to whom, and how that information should be communicated.

ATTACHMENT 1:

OCO strongly supports the proposed addition of fish as an identified main allergy.

OCO encourages DOC to consider adopting a “Low FODMAP” diet option for individuals who are diagnosed with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), as IBS is a common disorder and dietary management is essential.